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Docket No. 55250US1A.002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/515,978  
Filed: February 25, 2000

For: A COMPOUND MOLD AND  
STRUCTURED SURFACE  
ARTICLES CONTAINING  
GEOMETRIC STRUCTURES  
WITH COMPOUND FACES AND  
METHOD OF MAKING SAME

Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: A. Chevalier

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated  
February 6, 2002, in which the Examiner applied a  
restriction requirement to Claims 1-8 and 15-23 (Group I);  
Claims 9-14 (Group II) and Claims 24-37 (Group III).  
Applicants elect to prosecute Claims 1-8 and 15-23  
(Group I) without traverse.

If a telephonic interview with the Applicants'  
undersigned representative would be helpful in resolving  
any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the  
undersigned at (651) 736-9725.

Respectfully submitted,

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